

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A blind trimming apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a first pair of opposable cutting dies, at least one of which is moveable relative to the frame between a retracted position, in which the first pair of opposable cutting dies are spaced-apart, and an extended position, in which the first pair of opposable cutting dies are shearingly engageable;

a second pair of opposable cutting dies, at least one of which is moveable relative to the frame between a retracted position, in which the second pair of opposable cutting dies are spaced-apart, and an extended position, in which the second pair of opposable cutting dies are shearingly engageable and spaced from the first pair of opposable cutting dies when the first pair of opposable cutting dies are in the extended position; and

a carriage supported by the frame and supporting the second pair of opposable cutting dies, the carriage being moveable with respect to the first pair of opposable cutting dies to vary the distance between the first pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position and the second pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position.

2. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a third pair of opposable cutting dies moveable between a retracted position, in which the third pair of opposable cutting dies are spaced-apart, and an extended position, in which the third pair of opposable cutting dies are shearingly engageable.

3. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 2, wherein the third pair of opposable cutting dies are spaced from the second pair of opposable cutting dies when the third pair of opposable cutting dies are in the extended position, and wherein the carriage is moveable with respect to the third pair of opposable cutting dies to vary the distance between the second pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position and the third pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position.

4. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a shuttle moveably connected to the carriage, the shuttle supporting one of the second pair of opposable cutting dies for movement relative to the carriage.

5. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a second shuttle pivotably connected to the first shuttle, the second shuttle supporting an other of the second pair of opposable cutting dies for pivoting movement relative to the first shuttle.

6. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a frame supporting one of the first pair of opposable cutting dies, and wherein the carriage supports an other of the first pair of opposable cutting dies for movement with the carriage along a first cutting path.

7. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 6, wherein one of the second pair of opposable cutting dies is pivotable relative to the carriage for movement along a second cutting path.

8. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the frame defines a guide rail, and wherein the carriage is moveable along the guide rail and includes a removeable guide rail follower.

9. (Original) A blind trimming apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a first pair of opposable cutting dies, at least one of which is moveable relative to the frame between a retracted position, in which the first pair of opposable cutting dies are spaced-apart, and an extended position, in which the first pair of opposable cutting dies are shearingly engageable;

a second pair of opposable cutting dies, at least one of which is moveable relative to the frame between a retracted position, in which the second pair of opposable cutting dies are spaced-apart, and an extended position, in which the second pair of opposable cutting dies are shearingly engageable and spaced from the first pair of opposable cutting dies when the first pair of opposable cutting dies are in the extended position; and

a third pair of opposable cutting dies, at least one of which is moveable relative to the frame between a retracted position, in which the third pair of opposable cutting dies are spaced-apart, and an extended position, in which the third pair of opposable cutting dies are shearingly engageable and spaced from the second pair of opposable cutting dies when second pair of opposable cutting dies are in the extended position, the second pair of opposable cutting dies being moveable with respect to the frame to vary the distance between the first pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position and the second pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position and being moveable with respect to the frame to vary the distance between the second pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position and the third pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position.

10. (Currently Amended) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a carriage supporting the second pair of opposable cutting dies, the carriage being moveable with respect to at least one of the first pair of opposable cutting dies to vary the distance between the first ~~pair~~ pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position and the second pair of opposable cutting dies in the extended position.

11. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a shuttle moveably connected to the carriage, the shuttle supporting one of the second pair of opposable cutting dies for movement relative to the carriage.

12. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a second shuttle pivotably connected to the first shuttle, the second shuttle supporting an other of the second pair of opposable cutting dies for pivoting movement relative to the first shuttle.

13. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 10, further comprising a frame supporting one of the first pair of opposable cutting dies, and wherein the carriage supports an other of the first pair of opposable cutting dies for movement with the carriage along a first cutting path.

14. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 13, wherein one of the second pair of opposable cutting dies is pivotable relative to the carriage for movement along a second cutting path.

15. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 13, wherein the frame defines a guide rail, and wherein the carriage is moveable along the guide rail and includes a removeable guide rail follower.

16. (Original) A blind trimming apparatus comprising:
a frame supporting one of a first pair of opposable cutting dies; and
a carriage supporting a second pair of opposable cutting dies and an other of the first pair of opposable cutting dies for sliding movement relative to the frame and along a first cutting path, one of the second pair of opposable cutting dies being pivotable relative to the carriage and being moveable along a second cutting path to engage an other of the second pair of opposable cutting dies.

17. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a second carriage slideably connected to the frame and moveable along a third cutting path, the second carriage being engageable with the one of the second pair of opposable cutting dies to move the one of the second pair of opposable cutting dies along the second cutting path.

18. (Original) The blind trimming apparatus of claim 17, wherein the frame supports one of a third pair of opposable cutting dies and the second carriage supports an other of the third pair of opposable cutting dies.

Claims 19-21 (Cancelled)